Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 26 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Monday 25 Mar 2024 at 11:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather pattern for rest of the week with showers or longer spells of rain, snow becoming confined to higher peaks. Lower confidence on day to day details.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Mar 2024: Cloudy. Sleet and snow mostly dying out. Bitterly cold and breezy.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Mar 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
70%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Tuesday 26 Mar 2024

Weather: Cloudy with sleet and snow overnight, mostly dying out on Tuesday morning. Mainly dry later in morning and during afternoon with some brighter interludes and the odd light wintry shower remaining.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in morning, most likely in west of area, improving 60% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility in snow and also in cloud which will be fairly extensive at first down to 600m. Visibility improving good beneath the cloud during the morning and the cloud bases lifting 800 to 900m in the afternoon.

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Forecast for Tuesday 26 Mar 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/24 E	18/25 E	17/24 NE	16/22 E	16/23 E	18/25 E	22/31 E	25/36 E	28/39 E
900	16/22 E	14/18 NE	13/17 NE	13/18 NE	15/21 E	17/23 E	19/27 E	22/30 E	22/30 E
600	7/11 NE	9/13 NE	9/13 NE	10/15 NE	12/18 E	13/21 E	14/21 NE	14/22 E	13/21 NE
300	5/11 NE	5/10 NE	5/11 NE	6/12 NE	8/16 E	10/21 E	8/18 NE	9/19 NE	8/18 NE
Glen	3/9 NE	3/9 NE	3/9 NE	4/10 NE	5/13 NE	6/17 NE	5/16 NE	4/14 NE	4/14 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-14	-7/-15	-7/-15	-6/-14	-5/-13	-6/-13	-6/-15	-7/-16	-6/-16
900	-3/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-3/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-3/-10	-4/-12	-4/-11
600	-1/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	-1/-6	-0/-5	-0/-5	-1/-6	-2/-8	-2/-7
300	1/-2	0/-2	-0/-3	1/-2	2/-1	3/-1	2/-2	1/-3	1/-3
Glen	0/-2	-0/-2	-0/-3	0/-2	3/0	4/1	3/-1	1/-2	1/-2
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	300m	400m	400m	400m	400m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold with fresh winds and temperatures close to or below freezing.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Mar 2024

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain at lower levels and snow above about 500m. Snow becoming confined to hills above 800m later in morning, giving way to drier, brighter weather in the afternoon. Scattered showers will follow later, again wintry on the higher peaks. Another very cold day in the hills.

Maximum wind: East or southeast winds, average speeds of 20mph with gusts 35mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning, improving 60% during afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Misty morning with very poor visibility in more persistent rain and snow with extensive cloud cover well down the hills. Visibility improving good in the afternoon with clouds lifting and breaking up.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m rising to 1000m.

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